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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS, EFIS, EEC, NL

SUBJ: DUTCH/IRISH FISHERIES DISUPTE

REF: THE HAGUE 2141 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING A STAGED TEST OF IRISH 50-MILE EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE BY DUTCH FISHERMEN WHICH RESULTED IN THEIR ARREST, FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL ANNOUNCED SATURDAY THAT THE NETHERLANDS WOULD CHALLENGE LEGALITY OF IRISH ZONE IN EUROPEAN COURT. VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT "A RULING SHOULD BE SOUGHT AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE".

2. DUTCH LOWER HOUSE APPROVED EEC 200-MILE ZONE LAST WEEK WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF PARLIAMENTARIANS SPEAKING OUT AGAINST IRISH POLICY WHICH CLOSES TRADITIONAL MACKEREL FISHING AREA TO DUTCH FISHERMEN. AT THAT TIME, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MINISTER HINTED THAT NETHERLANDS PLANNED TO CHALLENGE LEGALITY OF IRISH RESERVE ZONE. DELIBERATE ACTION BY DUTCH  
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FISHERMEN GIVES GON THAT OPPORTUNITY.

3. DUTCH BELIEVE THEY HAVE A GOOD CASE AND THAT THEY WILL BE BACKED UP BY COURT AND EEC COMMISSION.  
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